

## INJURIES TO TWO MAY PROVE FATAL

Lads Shot When Gun Accidentally Goes Off—Taken to Hospital.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, N. C., December 23.—A terrible accident occurred in Chowan county, about three miles from this city last night, at the home of Robert Hill. His oldest son and a friend, Frank Daniels, were engaged in loading and unloading a gun. Standing near them were the two sons of Mr. Hill, aged respectively seven and three years. By accident the gun went off, and the right shoulder of the younger boy was shot off and his arm nearly amputated. The older boy's hand was nearly severed just above the wrist. Dr. Jack Nicholson, of this city, was hastily summoned, and rendered what medical aid he could. Both the children were brought to this city last night, and are now in the Fowle Memorial Hospital. It is the intention of the physician to operate on them as soon as reaction takes place. The condition of the younger boy is precarious, and the chances are that he will not recover. The chances of the older are more favorable.

### MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED.

Dead Body of Cleveland Hubbard Found in Lonely Spot on Mountain. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Bristol, Va., December 23.—A special from Duffield, Scott county, tells of the finding of the dead body of Cleveland Hubbard, twenty years old, in a lonely spot on Powell's Mountain, that county. The discovery was made by John Southern and Howard Neely, who were hunting for game. Their dogs led them to the spot, which was more than two miles from any mountain cabin.

Hubbard, who had been at work in Wise county, started for the home of his father, at the head of Wailes Creek. He left the train at Jasper, and was last seen three weeks ago. When discovered the body lay on the right side, with the face buried in the leaves, the body being partially encased in ice. One shoe and a hat were found nearby. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Hubbard had come to his death from unknown causes, although a majority of the jury leaned to the opinion that he had been murdered and robbed. The body was buried to-day.

### STRUCK IN ARM BY BULLET.

Second Attempt Within Year to Assassinate Ellis Reese. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winchester, Va., December 23.—The second attempt to assassinate Ellis Reese, son of Jacob Reese, a well-known Frederick county fruit grower, was made last night from ambush, as Reese was walking to White Hall to see friends. The bullet struck him in the arm and was flat when removed by hospital surgeons here. When assaulted, less than a year ago, a bullet passed through his hat, grazing his head.

### ROANOKE NEGRO ON RAMPADE.

Shoot At Several People Inflicting Wounds, Then Escapes. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Roanoke, Va., December 23.—Rudolph Williams, negro, railroad brakeman, had a difficulty with several other colored persons at a negro dance last midnight. He left the place, secured a double barreled shot gun, and returned to the house where the dancers were at supper and fired through a window, wounding Nathan Jackson, Bob Tate, Grover Childress and Susie Dabney. The first shot tore away the lower portion of Jackson's jaw. Bob Tate and Susie Dabney were seriously wounded. After emptying both barrels of his gun, Williams went away, but returned an hour later and fired again into the house at Jackson, who was in bed, the contents of the gun taking effect in Jackson's legs. Jackson is in a dying condition.

When Williams was located in an alley just before daybreak by three policemen, he opened fire on the officers with a revolver, but his shots went wild. Bloodhounds were put on the negro's track, but soon lost the trail because of rain and sleet.

### NEGRO SHOT IN HEAD.

Bullet Flattens Head Against His Head and Falls to Ground. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winchester, Va., December 23.—Tony Jackson, colored, who went with others last night to give an old time party at the home of Rector Woodfork and bride, also colored, near Winchester, was shot in the head with a revolver by Woodfork, but the bullet simply flattened itself on Jackson's skull, and fell to the ground, without inflicting

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### SERIOUS INJURY.

Woodfork declared the crowd became too noisy and interrupted his honeymoon.

### TRAIN HITS TROLLEY CAR

Two Persons Injured and Score Shaken Up in Durham Accident.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Durham, N. C., December 23.—Two persons were injured and a score more or less shaken up when a Seaboard engine and seven freight cars smashed into trolley car No. 5, of the Durham Traction Company, at Chapel Hill street crossing this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

The injured are Miss Rosa Crabtree, daughter of Mrs. Charles Crabtree, of Duke Street, this city, and Louis Bowline, son of T. H. Bowline, of Rougemont. The former was seriously cut about the face and body and the latter suffered a sprained ankle. The ten other passengers, all of whom were residents of Durham with the exception of Arthur Carver, son of H. C. Carver, of Rougemont, were badly shaken up by the accident.

The trolley car was almost completely wrecked by the accident, but was able to return to the car barn under its own motive power.

### GOES WITH HOCKING VALLEY.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Staunton, Va., December 23.—W. O. Synhor, formerly of this city, but for some time soliciting freight agent for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, with headquarters at Charleston, W. Va., has been made general agent of the Hocking Valley, at Charleston.

### HILLS COVERED WITH ICE.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., December 23.—A light rain falling in a temperature of 32 degrees is making the streets of Lynchburg almost impassable, for the hills were covered with a thin ice by nightfall. The ice is freezing on the overhead wires and may cause trouble before morning.

### CRUSHED TO DEATH BY CAR.

Veteran, Immune of National Soldiers' Home, Instantly Killed. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Hampton, Va., December 23.—Jason Hodlett, seventy-three years old, a veteran of the Civil War, was literally ground to pieces to-night beneath a passenger car on the line of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, in County Street, Phoebus. According to Motorman W. C. Worsham, who was in charge of the car, the veteran was lying across the track when the carman noticed him, but it was too late to stop the car, which was loaded with Christmas shoppers.

Hodlett served with the Maryland Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, and came to the National Soldiers' Home here from Baltimore.

## CONVICTS BUY FOR PEOPLE AT HOME

Little Boxes Shipped From White Prison to Those Who Can't Forget.

Indications are that this will be the biggest Christmas ever seen at the penitentiary. Never before have so many Christmas boxes come in and never before have the prisoners seemed to enter so thoroughly into the spirit of the season.

Superintendent Wood said yesterday that out of their savings, earned by doing overtime work, the prisoners had spent for various articles, such as are allowed in the house, more than \$2,000. Quite a number of them had given little reminders to the people at home and go without themselves. The others gratified such personal desires as the prison rules permit. Most of the money was spent in things to eat that do not appear on the penitentiary bill of fare. Quite a number invested in toilet articles and other things to preserve their personal cleanliness. There are an amazing number of combs, brushes, miniature looking-glasses and such like things decorating the cells, and a large amount of fancy and highly scented soap.

This Christmas the usual vaudeville entertainment will be dispensed with, as these are being held several times during the year, and another is scheduled to take place in February. The annual dinner will be held as usual to-morrow afternoon. The menu will not be elaborate in the general sense of the word, but will be a great departure from the usual bill of fare. The leading dish will be roast pork, large portions of which will be dispensed to every one, and there will be other unusual dishes in the way of staple food. The dessert will be a present from Superintendent Wood to every person in the building. It is to consist of candy, nuts, oranges and other fruits.

Negro Charged With Theft. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) King and Queen, C. H. Va., December 23.—James Scott has been lodged in jail here, charged with breaking into the store of C. R. Jackson, at Vienna, in this county. The offense is alleged to have been committed on the night of the 15th. Mr. Jackson lost \$125 in cash and checks and \$35 worth of goods. Scott, when arrested, made a full confession of the crime, and in his confession implicated two other negroes.

## YEAR DISASTROUS TO POSTAL CLERKS

Twenty-Four Killed, While Three Mail Weighers Meet Death.

617 ARE SLIGHTLY INJURED

More Railway Accidents Than in Any Other Year of the Service.

Washington, December 23.—Conditions of railway and ocean mail service are discussed fully in the annual report of Joseph Stewart, Second Assistant Postmaster-General, submitted to-day to Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

A considerable saving was effected during the year by the bureau of the authorization and direction of the transportation of both domestic and foreign mails. The aggregate cost of the transportation of domestic mails during the year was \$1,769,453.53, while the cost of foreign mails was \$2,123,024.46. Notwithstanding the increased amount of mail handled, the percentage of increase in the cost was only 1.15 per cent.

During the year 3,373 mail routes were in operation, covering a distance of 220,750 miles. The distance traveled by the mail of the United States was 426,935,109.55 miles. The amount of money necessary for railroad transportation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, is \$15,853,000, being 5.6 per cent more than the appropriation for the current fiscal year.

In every instance possible the policy of equalizing the rate of pay for the transportation of mail by railroad routes on the basis of lowest cost has been followed. The department has

been following the operation of the new method of adjusting pay to and including the present fiscal year. Sixteen railroad companies have filed suit against the United States, attacking the validity of the order of the Postmaster-General in readjusting the rate of pay.

Particular diligence has been manifested by the department in its inquiry into the cost to railroad companies of carrying the mail.

The need for improved ocean mail service again is called to the attention of Congress. The passage of an act to authorize the Postmaster-General to pay for ocean mail service in vessels of the second class on routes to South America, the Philippines, Japan, China, Australia, at a rate per mile not exceeding the rate applicable to vessels of the first class, as provided in the act of March 3, 1891, will it is believed, enable the department to secure satisfactory service to these parts of the world.

During the year there were 446 railroad accidents in which postal clerks were either killed or injured or in which mail matter was lost or damaged. Twenty clerks, four substitutes and three mail weighers were killed; ninety-eight were seriously and 617 slightly injured. The year was more disastrous in the number of clerks killed on the railroads than any in the history of the service.

Among the recommendations made by Mr. Stewart are the following: That the department be enabled to readjust the compensation for the transportation of mail on railroad routes during the four years' term.

That the Postmaster-General be authorized to pay for the services of vessels of the second class in carrying the mails to various ports in South America and the Far East. That the salaries of supervisory officers of the railway mail service be increased.

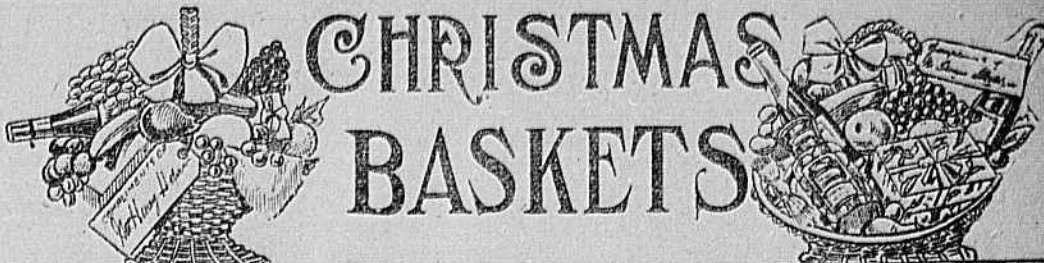
That authority of law be given for granting further leave during periods of disability not exceeding twelve additional months, with pay at 50 per cent of his regular salary, to a railway postal clerk who is so seriously injured as not to be able to resume duty at the expiration of twelve months.

That thirty days annual leave of absence be granted to railway postal clerks.

That provision be made for the retirement of incapacitated or superannuated railway postal clerks.

### MASSONS ELECT OFFICERS.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., December 23.—Hill City Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M., one of the largest Masonic lodges of Virginia, has elected the following officers for 1911: Master, J. P. Harvey; Senior Warden, C. L. DeMott; Junior Warden, F. M. Monk; Treasurer, T. N. Davis; Secretary, D. T. Walker; Senior Deacon, C. F. Banks; Junior Deacon, H. B. Brown; Chaplain, Rev. J. Mack Franklin; and Tiler, A. S. Boatwright.



## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Fancy Baskets Fine Fruits at \$1.00 to \$15.00 per basket. Johnston's Extraordinary Chocolates, \$1.00 to \$2.00 box. Home-Made Brandy Peaches at \$1.25. Edam Cheese, Fruit Cake, Mince Meat, Plum Pudding, Dates, Olives, Mixed Nuts, Wines, Brandies, Pickled Fruits, best Malaga Raisins in fancy ribbon packages.

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## CITY ORDINANCES WILL BE ENFORCED

Commissioners Give Instructions to Petersburg Chief of Police.

### BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Two Car Robbers Convicted. Steamer Aurora Disabled.

Times-Dispatch Bureau. Petersburg, Va., December 23.

The Board of Police Commissioners has instructed the Chief of Police to rigidly enforce the ordinance relative to the use of fireworks and firearms at Christmas. This ordinance practically prohibits the shooting off of fireworks and the burning of rockets in any of the streets, and prohibits the firing of large cannon crackers and dynamite works altogether. Penalties are imposed for violation of the ordinance.

In the past some latitude has been given the young folks in the celebration of Christmas with fireworks, and they have frequently taken advantage of the privilege. The enforcement of the ordinance is for the quiet of the community and the protection of property. Its rigid enforcement will give Petersburg an unusually quiet Christmas.

### Boy Accidentally Shot.

Master Everett Davis, the nine-year-old son of E. L. Davis, was accidentally and seriously shot while handling his father's pistol this morning, at his home on Bollingbrook Street. Mr. Davis had left his pistol between the mattresses of his bed, where the boy found it. In examining the discharge, the boy was accidentally caused, the ball passing through the left hand, entering the abdomen and inflicting serious injuries. The boy was taken to the hospital for an operation.

### Burned Child Dead.

Hilda, the five-year-old daughter of Anderson Watson, colored, who was so badly burned yesterday by her clothes catching fire at a grate, died last evening at her home in Pocahontas. Dr. Hoy, who attended her, pronounced her injuries fatal from the first. Even the interior of her mouth and throat was burned.

### Car Robbers Convicted.

Two young white men, of this city, William Walker and John Wheelhouse, were convicted in the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie county, yesterday, of robbing a Norfolk and Western freight car, and both were given jail sentences. Walker got ninety days and Wheelhouse sixty days. Wheelhouse had just served a sentence in the Petersburg jail for robbing a Seaboard Air Line car.

### Steamer Aurora Disabled.

The steamer Aurora, of the Richmond and Petersburg Line, met with an accident last night on entering the harbor on her trip from Richmond to Norfolk, which will put her out of commission for a while.

It is said that her rudder was broken by becoming entangled in a rope that had been left in the channel. It will require some days to have repairs made.

### The Birdville Sanatorium.

The Birdville Sanatorium, for the free care and treatment of tuberculosis patients, will be ready to be occupied early in the coming year. The city is laying pipes to furnish water free; the Virginia Railway and Power Company is stringing wires to furnish electric lights, without cost, and the Petersburg Telephone Company will give free telephone service. The sanatorium will construct its own sewer system. Institution will soon be fully furnished and equipped and ready to receive patients of whom it can accommodate about twenty.

### Personal and Otherwise.

The reception at the Country Club to-morrow afternoon will be an event of interest. The committee of reception will be: Mesdames George Cameron, Tr. Charles T. Lassiter, O. G. Winston, F. C. Spencer, S. A. Hinton and Mortimer Williams, and the Misses Patterson, Jean Triggs, Nannie Roper, Margaret Zimmer and Mary Quick. The club will give its Christmas day evening.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Nixon left to-day for North Carolina, to visit friends. The tobacco warehouse closed up after sales to-day and will not reopen until January 10. Not more than one-tenth of the crop in this section has yet been marketed.

The harbor is now being dredged. A straight channel is to be cut through eight feet wide and twelve feet deep the same width and depth the river channel is to be dredged.

In the Police Court this morning Amos

### HELD-UP AT POINT OF GUN.

Several Persons in Petersburg Robbed by Negro, Who Later Is Arrested. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Petersburg, Va., December 23.—A negro, feigning drunkenness and refusing to give any name, was captured by the police late this evening after a hot chase, on the charge of highway robbery. The negro, at the point of a magazine gun, forced George Brown, another negro, to give him his pocket-book, containing \$5. He next held up a colored preacher named Harris, from whom he got nothing. He then stopped a negro driving a wood cart, and got 40 cents from him, and then attempted to hold a woman up, but becoming frightened, ran off. Officer Isaac Hall started in pursuit of the man, and after chasing him a mile, in Prince George county, and exchanging several shots, captured the negro. Both officer and prisoner were tired out, and the negro was brought to Petersburg. The police found Brown's pocketbook on the negro, and his belt, loaded with steel cartridges, was found in the woods. The gun was not found. The negro is a stranger here, but the police believe, from papers found on him, that he is from South Carolina.

Sweaters for Messenger Boys. New York, December 23.—Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, and the Commercial Cable Company, has sent a woolen sweater, wood cart, and gift from him to every messenger boy employed by his companies in America, about 5,000.

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